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of the
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R
O F H E A L T H
for the
Year Ended 31st December, 1963.

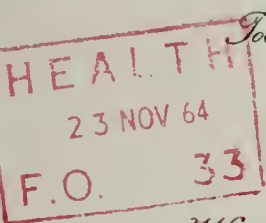
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To the Chairman and Members
of Tow Law U.D.C.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for 1963.

The vital statistics of the area for 1963 contained little for comment and indicate much the same pattern as for the previous 10 years.

Measles was again the greatest infectious disease but, fortunately, of the 47 cases none were fatal and there were no serious complications. There were no cases of diphtheria, typhoid, scarlet fever, or tuberculosis reported during 1963 - a very satisfactory state of affairs.

B.C.G. work continued in schools and the age limit for this immunisation was lowered from 12 - 11 years. In addition, tuberculin testing of school entrants was introduced and all those showing marked reactions were referred for specialist follow up. Immunisation against diphtheria/tetanus was also offered to school entrants and, by this arrangement, a number of children were immunised who would not otherwise have availed themselves of this opportunity.

Numerous visits to housing problems were made and attention was paid to the compilation of a list of properties for condemnation as unfit for human habitation.

The Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic continues to be well supported during the year.

The Public Health Inspector has appended his annual report.

In conclusion I wish to record my thanks to the Council and the staff for their welcome co-operation during 1963.

G. A. MACGREGOR,
Medical Officer of Health.

CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year )	...	...	2,920
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Innabited Houses (Mid Year)	...	...	956
Rateable Value	...	...	44,419
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	163

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	42	20	22
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>44</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	15.07
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.2

Still Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Rate per 1,000 (Live and still)	...	...	15.75

Deaths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	14.04
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	12.2

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	..	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	..	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	—	1
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	Total	Males	Females	
Legitimate	-	-	-	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	22.72
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	20.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - Legitimate	23.81
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - Illegitimate	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	43.48
Deaths from Cancer	7
Deaths from Measles	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1958	13.22	21.73	14.82
1959	11.03	-	12.01
1960	13.02	19.23	16.93
1961	15.69	63.82	16.04
1962	8.87	-	19.11
1963	14.04	22.72	15.07

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1963

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total		4 weeks		15 ..	25 ..	35 ..	45 ..	55 ..	65 ..	75 & Over			
		All	Ages	Under 4 weeks	and under 1 year										
1. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
5. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
6. Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
7. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2			
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6			
8. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1			
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4			
9. Other Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3			
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
10. Other Circulatory Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
11. Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-			
12. Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1			
13. Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
14. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
15. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
16. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
TOTAL ALL CAUSES													19	5	8
													22	2	16

Infectious Diseases

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	47	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	-	3

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years.

YEAR	DIPHTHERIA		SCARLET FEVER	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1958	-	-	5	-
1959	-	-	10	-
1960	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	3	-
1962	-	-	1	-
1963	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIED DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1963

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

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TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS

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TOW LAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1953

1. VISITS

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties:-

(1) Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	230	visits
(2) W.C. Conversions and Defective Sanitary Conveniences ...	193	"
(3) Drainage	36	"
(4) Water Supply	1	visit
(5) Food Premises and Slaughterhouses	157	visits
(including visits made when inspecting meat)		
(6) Factories and Workplaces	25	"
(7) Keeping of Animals	2	"
(8) Nuisances - Smoke, Dust, Stalls etc.	15	"
(9) Dairies	2	"

2. NUISANCES

The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices. Other nuisances were remedied by informal action:-

	No. of Informal <u>Notices Served</u>	No. of Statutory <u>Notices Served</u>	Defects Remedied <u>after Notices</u>
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	6	-	5

3. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

157 visits were made to slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, principally in connection with the inspection of meat. The quality of the carcasses presented for inspection and the general hygiene of the slaughterhouse premises continued to be satisfactory.

4. W.C. CONVERSIONS

During the year 36 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 748 water closets and 282 ash closets in the district.

5. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1946

During the year 25 inspections of factories were made.

6. FOOD ACTS, 1950 and 1954

During the year 8 st. 12 lbs. of meat and 1 st. 2 lbs. 7 ozs. of loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the owners concerned or by being buried at the Council's tip.

7. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-56

Inspections under the above-mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.

8. FOOD PREMISES

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:-

- 1 Bakehouse
- 4 Butchers
- 24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners
- 16 Premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream.

No further premises were registered during the year for the retail of ice cream.

9. HOUSING

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvement and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your Officers.

Eleven Standard Grants were approved during the year making the number of applications approved since the inception of the Standard Grant Scheme in 1959 56 at the end of 1963.

10. MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives details of the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number of Carcasses inspected	74	-	298	5
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	3	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	9.5	-	1.0	20.0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-

1 carcase was found to be affected with Cysticerci.

In conclusion I would thank the Members and Staff of the Council for their support and assistance during the year.

J. B. KELLY

